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1. SUMMARY. POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR CONTINUED TO CLAIM LIVES AS THE COUNTRY APPROACHES THE OPENING OF ITS ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN. AT LEAST 57 PERSONS FELL VICTIM TO POLITICAL ASSASINS. UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS OF THE DEATHS OF 26 SOLDIERS AND THREE GUERRILLAS INDICATED THAT FIGHTING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE CONTINUED AT A BRISK PACE. TERRORIST ACTIONS INCLUDED A NUMBER OF ATTACKS ON CASH CROPS AS WELL AS THE USUAL ATTACKS ON THE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. DEATHS AND DISAPPEARANCES. AT LEAST 57 PERSONS DIED AS A RESULT OF POLITICAL MURDER LAST WEEK. RESPONSIBILITY FOR

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NINE OF THESE MURDERS WAS ASCRIBED BY THE PRESS TO LEFTIST FORCES. THE KILLERS OF THE REMAINING 48 INDIVIDUALS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. IN ADDITION TO THOSE KILLED, A TOTAL OF 23 PERSONS WERE REPORTED DISAPPEARED DURING THE WEEK. GUERRILLA FORCES ALLEGEDLY EFFECTED 10 OF THESE DISAPPEARANCES. FINALLY, INCOMPLETE AND UNCORFIMED PRESS REPORTS INDICATED THAT AT LEAST 26 SOLDIERS AND THREE GUERRILLAS FELL IN THE ONGOING FIGHTING.

3. SOME STATISTICS. THE BODIES OF THE 57 VICTIMS OF POLITICAL MURDER WERE DISCOVERED IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:

SAN SALVADOR	- 22	SANTA ANA	- 15
SAN MIGUEL	- 7	USULUTAN	- 4
MORAZAN	- 3	LA PAZ	- 1
CABANAS	- 1		

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		LA LIBERTAD	- 2
LA UNION	- 2	TOTAL	57

AN AGE BREAKDOWN OF THE DEAD YIELDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. AGES 17 AND UNDER	- 3	D. AGES 36-50	- 7
B. AGES 18-25	- 26	E. AGES 51 AND OVER	- 1
C. AGES 26-35	- 7	F. UNKNOWN	- 13
TOTAL	- 57		

A BREAKDOWN BY OCCUPATION PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS:

8 FARMERS	-	1 CARPENTER	
5 SALES CLERKS	-	4 EMPLOYEES	
1 PORTRAIT SKETCHER	-	1 MUSICIAN	
2 MERCHANTS	-	31 UNKNOWN	
4 CAMPESINOS	-	57 TOTAL	

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4. INCIDENTS. TERRORIST INCIDENTS WERE CONCENTRATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF USULUTAN, SAN SALVADOR, SANTA ANA, SAN VICENTE AND CUSCATLAN. THE USUAL ROUND OF SKIRMISHES, BOMBS, DOWNING OF ELECTRICAL TOWERS, AND DESTRUCTION OF TELEPHONE INSTALLATIONS CHARACTERIZED THE WEEK. NOTABLE EVENTS WERE THE DESTRUCTION OF FOUR RAILROAD CARS LOADED WITH COTTON AND TWO TRUCKS OF SUGAR CANE.
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